

THE PASSING OF JAY B. WHITE,  
"AMERICA'S FINEST LAWYER"

### HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Attorney Jay B. White. Jay was a lifelong friend and a giant in the legal profession. Cleveland, OH, mourns the loss of one of her most distinguished sons, and a man who was one of the Nation's finest criminal defense lawyers. My wife, Jay, joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Jay's loving wife, Addye, and members of his family.

A few days ago, on June 13, 1997, the Cleveland Bar Association honored Jay for 50 years as a practicing lawyer, an honor representing a very special milestone in his legal career. Jay and I were boyhood friends and I always knew that he would achieve great things. As a young man, he knew the value of perseverance and hard work.

Jay was born in Cleveland and graduated from West Virginia State College. He earned his law degree from Western Reserve University Law School in 1946. After graduating, Jay began his law practice in Cleveland. At a time when law firms were not opening their doors to hire black lawyers, Jay was more determined than ever to succeed. He concentrated on representing persons charged with crimes and became an outstanding trial lawyer. It was in this capacity that he became one of the founders of the National Association of Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases, which was founded in 1958 at Northwestern University Law School. He also served on its board for many years. Jay was a past president of the John Harlan Law Club and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, saying goodbye to those whom we hold dear is difficult. In the days ahead, I will miss my good friend, Jay White. Not only did we share a special friendship, but we also enjoyed a special bond through our marriages. It was Jay White who introduced me to my wife, Jay. In turn, she introduced Jay to Addye, his devoted wife of 33 years. Jay's love of people garnered a host of friends and admirers all over the Nation who loved him and mourn the loss of their friend.

I am proud to have been a lifelong friend of Attorney Jay B. White. Our thoughts and prayers are with Addye, their son, Jay B., daughter, Joy, Jay's brother, Reggie, and members of the White family during this difficult period. Jay was a very special individual who, with his unique personality, carved out his own niche in this community. He was unlike anyone else I have ever known. Jay will always be remembered in his own famous words, as "America's finest lawyer."

CLINTON MEMORIAL AME ZION  
CHURCH ROOF DEDICATION  
CEREMONY

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday witnessed the dedication of a new roof for the

Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church at 151 Broadway in Newark, NJ. This accomplishment is truly significant to this particular house of worship. For many years the Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church had no stable church home. The early history of the church was marked by ups and downs and much movement from one location to another. The church was founded in 1822, the same year that free Black men went to Liberia to found Monrovia. This is just one example of the type of vision and moral and social commitment that has permeated the leadership and membership of this church throughout its existence.

While the church was founded in 1822 it did not find its present home until 1930 when Rev. J.M. Hoggard was pastor. Reverend Hoggard was a resident of my childhood neighborhood. He had a great impact on our community and many of its people.

I was fortunate to be affiliated with this church when I was a young man. It was one of the most progressive institutions around. It had the foresight to provide the youth with activities such as socials and sports in a setting that was moralistically sound. While the youngsters were being kept occupied and happy they learned the importance of morals, faith and religion. I think my participation in these programs helped shape my concepts of the youth programs I would run for the YMCA when I became an adult.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues would have wanted to join me as I extended my congratulations and best wishes to the congregants of the Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church of Newark, NJ.

### TRIBUTE TO IRA KLEIN

### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ira Klein, a young man who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement. Ira is in Washington representing the State of California in the National History Day competition and I would like to congratulate this remarkable eighth-grader on his award-winning report.

The theme of this year's National History Day competition was "Triumph and Tragedy in History" and Ira's exemplary paper focused on the impact of the polio epidemic in America. What makes his report, entitled "Polio: Triumph and Tragedy," truly exceptional is that it focused on the individual victims of this dreaded disease, giving a voice to those countless persons who were afflicted by polio. Furthermore, Ira also brought to light the effect of Post-Polio Syndrome which continues to affect the victims of this disease even 40 years after its initial onset. The interest in this subject was inspired by Ira's uncle's own battle with polio and Ira transformed this personal connection with the ravages of polio into a truly insightful piece of history.

In successfully completing such an ambitious project, Ira demonstrated a level of academic achievement that far exceeds his age. I would like to commend Ira Klein for his exceptional academic accomplishment.

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: THE CREATIVE THINKERS

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have given special recognition and honor to the children of class 4-304 of New York City Public School 208 at 4801 Avenue D in Brooklyn on May 30, 1997.

I am delighted to have presented to the children of class 4-304 official Congressional Triumph Certificates for their magnificent drawings, poems and short stories on immigration. The following children interviewed their parents and represented their cultures through their art; bringing to life the special aspects of their homes:

Efuru Ballantyne; Richina Bicette; Laurae Caruth; Trevor Cayenne; Daniella Marie Clarke; Harrah Creary; Crystal Crossman; Valerie Delice; Kentasha Dickson; Dana Doyley; Ajani Edwards; Adonna Ferrell; Shariel Goldson; Zanita Green; Martin Gustave; Brandon Haynes; Colleen Hinkson; Shawn Hobbs; Alex James; Jodel Jeremie; Lauren Jones; Casey Gabriella Jones; Virginia Lowe; Makeda Marshall; Terrill Ocona; Torin Perez; Ricardo Soares; and Samantha Ward.

These students' creative expressions detailed how immigration laws affect their families, specifically because they come from all parts of the world: Haiti, Africa, Japan, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent, and Guyana. The teacher of this brilliant class is Ms. Sandra Cinkay. I commend Ms. Cinkay for her tutorage.

### TRIBUTE TO RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN

### HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to Rabbi Morton Hoffman upon his retirement from Temple Shaaraey Zedek. Rabbi Hoffman has served the people of East Lansing and the congregation of Temple Shaaraey Zedek since 1983. As a rabbi, he has served God and the families of East Lansing through his leadership in his temple, his knowledge of religion and history, and his commitment to his community and family.

Along with his duties as rabbi, Rabbi Hoffman has served as education director for Temple Shaaraey Zedek's religious schools, and has served on the Governor's Committee for the Establishment of the Annual Martin Luther King Day of Observance and the Governor's Committee for the Annual State Observance of the Holocaust Memorial Day. He is a member of the East Lansing Clergy Coalition and, in May 1990, earned the doctor of Hebrew letter degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rabbi Morton Hoffman's commitment to his community is unparalleled and his leadership will be missed.

I speak for all the people of the eighth district in thanking him for his service. I wish Rabbi Hoffman mazel tov in the future.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL GRADUATE  
OF NEW YORK'S 12TH CONGRES-  
SIONAL DISTRICT WITH PER-  
FECT ATTENDANCE

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the achievement of a very special graduate of the 12th Congressional District who has had perfect attendance for 6 years; since enrolling in kindergarten at Edward Bush Public School 18 in Brooklyn, NY. This graduate has been undaunted by obstacles and has demonstrated a true commitment to her educational goals.

She has learned that education is priceless and that she will be provided with the tools and opportunities to be successful in any endeavor she pursues by dedicating herself to her studies. Her success is a tribute not only to her strength and discipline but also to the supportive parents and teachers who have encouraged her. I am confident that the combination of these forces will lead her to many more achievements.

Mr. Speaker, as congressional Representatives we often discuss solutions to the plight of our Nation's educational system. We diligently strive to encourage educational excellence and dedication to higher learning. This student's unique achievement can serve as an example to others and I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House Representatives to join me in congratulating her. May her future be filled with many more successes. Congratulations to Kimberly Rodriguez.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES D. ERICSON

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to one of Milwaukee's truly outstanding citizens, Mr. James D. Ericson. As the Wisconsin Chapter of the State of Israel Bonds gathers this evening to present Mr. Ericson with its 1997 LaSociete Award, I would like to take a moment to reflect on his remarkable contributions to the State of Israel Bonds, the city of Milwaukee, and the State of Wisconsin.

As the president and CEO of Northwestern Mutual Life since 1990, Jim Ericson has skillfully led one of the Nation's largest and most respected insurance companies to unprecedented levels of success. Named the "Most Admired Company" among insurance executives in a recent Fortune magazine survey, Northwestern Mutual has been a responsible and innovative corporate citizen, thanks in no small part to Jim Ericson's hands-on leadership and management capabilities. During the past 5 years, Northwestern Mutual has contributed more than \$20 million to an array of educational, health, community, and civic endeavors. And as the president of Northwestern Mutual, Jim Ericson has always encouraged the company's 3,500 employees to volunteer their time and energy to make a real difference in our community. To honor the efforts

of his employees, Jim Ericson established the Agent Community Service awards to recognize specific agents for volunteer commitment to their local communities.

Jim Ericson is known throughout Milwaukee and all of Wisconsin for his impressive civic accomplishments. From his initial organization of the Milwaukee Redevelopment Commission, to his successful work to bring professional baseball back to Milwaukee, Jim Ericson has always been at the forefront of all matters important to the economic progress of our city. In addition to his undeniable commitment to the State of Israel Bonds, Jim Ericson has served on more than a dozen boards and advisory panels. Most notably, he is a director of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, and serves on the boards of the United Way of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Literacy Services, and the Blood Center of Milwaukee, just to name a few. In 1996, Jim Ericson received the prestigious St. Francis Children's Center Community Service Award for his leadership and personal commitment to our community.

The State of Israel Bonds plays a vital role in Wisconsin by creating a public awareness about the importance of maintaining a strong state of Israel. The organization also raises critical capital through Israel bonds which will ensure the long-term economic security and viability of the country. Jim Ericson has always recognized the importance of Israel bonds, and is well deserving of the organization's appreciation.

I would like to congratulate Jim Ericson's wife Patricia, their four children, and four grandchildren on this most special occasion. Thank you Jim Ericson, for all of your hard work and dedication. Your selfless efforts and persistence epitomizes Milwaukee's spirit of giving and sense of community.

REV. DR. EDWARD D. SMART, JR.—  
A MAN OF PRINCIPLE AND  
COURAGE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues an event that was held this past Saturday. It was a reception held for Rev. Dr. Edward D. Smart, Jr. Rev. Dr. Smart is the shepherd of the Israel Memorial AME Church in Newark, NJ.

Rev. Dr. Smart is the epitome of leadership. He is courageous and committed to serving the members of our community, especially our young people. Serving by example is his method. He attended Fisk University where he was a Fisk Jubilee singer. He is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in political science. He did graduate work at Shippensburg University and received his ministerial preparation at Gettysburg Theological Seminary. He holds a doctorate from the University of California. He is a member of the Essex County Welfare to Workfare Task Force. He is the co-chairperson of the Newark Fighting Back Partnership, a program to reduce the demand for illicit drugs and alcohol. He has been involved since its inception. He has been integrally involved with the development of the Interfaith

Clergy Community Alliance which is an effort to increase the aftercare for people in recovery by the faith community.

Israel Memorial AME Church has continued to grow under the stewardship of Reverend Smart. It has grown both financially and spiritually since his arrival in May 1991. He has faithfully worked to carry out its mission, "Israel Memorial AME Church strives to maintain a standard of Christian living within the metropolitan Newark area through evangelism, proclamation of the Word, stewardship, worship, bible study, and prayer meeting." He has been innovative in his approach to making life better for everyone he serves, which is the entire community. He is not one to take the safe way out always. He is a thoughtful risktaker when he feels he is justified in his position on certain issues. Because of this, he has garnered the respect and support of many.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues would have joined me as I congratulated Reverend Smart on his dedication to his faith, our community, and our young people.

BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

**HON. RON PACKARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend three schools in my California district which the Department of Education recognized as Blue Ribbon schools. All three schools share as their mission an integrated approach to working with the community and with parents to educate and assist children in realizing their full potential as responsible, productive, contributing members of society.

The Philip J. Reilly School in Mission Viejo stands as an example of excellence in the community. The school provides a consolidated facility allowing disabled and non-disabled students to learn side by side and from each other. Architects received awards for designing the school to be entirely physically accessible to all students.

School success rests squarely on both the efforts of teachers and parents. At Barcelona Hills Elementary School, volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours of service just last year alone. Community efforts allowed the school to upgrade and integrate technology into every area of the curriculum. In addition to building students' academic prowess, teachers place emphasis on promoting integrity, responsibility, good citizenship, and perseverance.

Similarly, Laguna Niguel's George L. White Elementary School sets high academic and behavioral standards. White Elementary earned three commendations during its first program quality review. Further, the school-teacher teaches children to give back to the community, sponsoring the kids in community service program. Projects include beach cleanups, corresponding with nursing home residents, and collecting food for the less fortunate.

As a former school board member, I am keenly aware of the challenges our schools face today. All of us in Congress agree that educating our youth should be one of this Nation's top priorities. A good solid education is the best tool to achieve success and ensure